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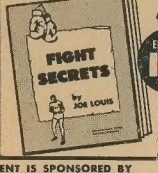

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DEAR DIARY: I SAW TED AGAIN THIS MORNING, JUST AS I HAVE FIVE DAYS A WEEK FOR FOUR YEARS! HE WAVED AND SMILED AS HE ALWAYS DOES! WHY COULDN'T I HAVE PICKED SOMEONE ELSE TO LOVE?

GOOD MORNING, TED! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU THIS TIME?

NOTHING, THIS IS A SOCIAL CALL, ROSE! HOW ABOUT COFFEE?

DIARY

THAT ALONE WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE IT A GREAT DAY! I LOCKED THE SHOP AND WENT TO THE DINER NEARBY...

WHAT'S WRONG, TED? VERNA GET LIPSTICK ON ANOTHER MAN'S COLLAR?

I WISH SHE WOULD! NO, IT'S JUST THAT I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY BY MYSELF FOR A WEEK-END! YOUR SISTER SELLS TICKETS TO THOSE NEW YORK SHOWS, ARRANGES THE PLANE TOO...

...ASK HER TO GET ME ONE FOR THIS WEEK-END, HUH?

ALL RIGHT, TED! SHE'D BETTER TAKE EXTRA GOOD CARE OF YOU!

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I CALLED ELLEN IMMEDIATELY, SHE LIVED IN THE CITY NEARBY AND THE TICKETS FOR THE SHOW WEEK-ENDS USUALLY WENT FAST...

I FELT WICKED AS I CALLED MY BOSS AND TOLD HIM TO TAKE OVER! IT WAS WEDNESDAY AND I HAD A LOAD OF SHOPPING TO DO..
IT'S EXPENSIVE, ROSE-- BUT THE COLOR IS LOVELY FOR YOU!
I'LL TAKE IT! THIS IS NO TIME FOR ECONOMY!

I ALMOST TURNED BACK FRIDAY EVENING AT THE AIRPORT! I KNEW HOW BRAZEN I WAS BUT I DIDN'T CARE...

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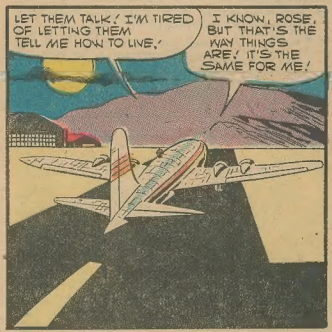

I KNOW IT IS! VERNA BROCK IS A LOVELY GIRL BUT YOU DON'T CARE FOR HER! THE TOWN PAIRED YOU OFF, THOUGH. NOW YOU'RE BOTH STUCK!
THAT'S NOT... YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE! WHAT CAN I DO?

POOR TED! HE WAS MISERABLE.. AND THERE I WAS MAKING HIM MORE SO, SPOILING HIS WEEK-END! I STOPPED DOING THAT FAST...

WE CAN FORGET THE TOWN AND HAVE A NICE WEEK-END! RELAX, TED, WE'LL PRETEND WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE!
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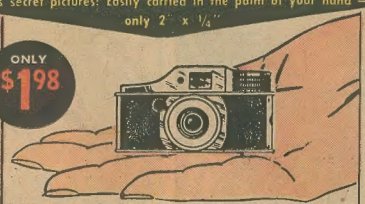

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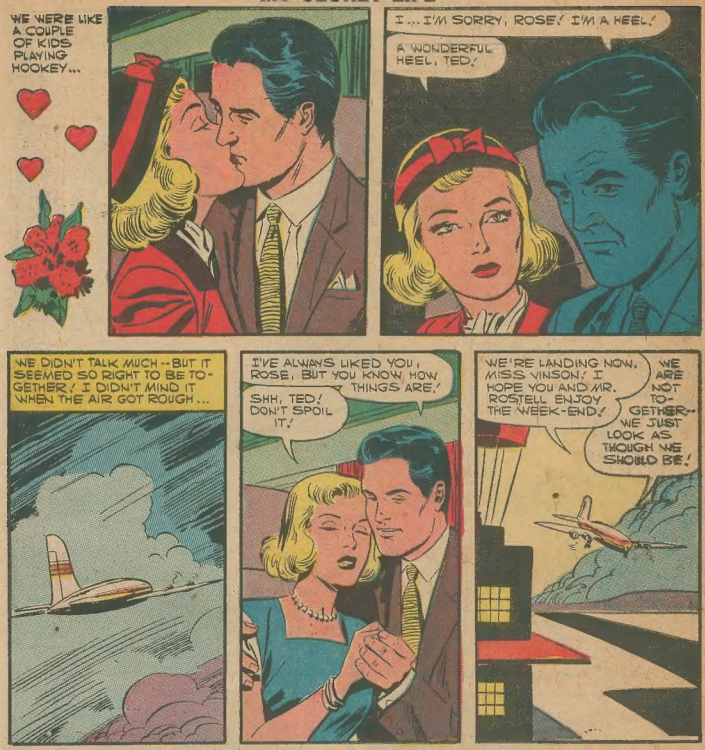
WE WERE LIKE A COUPLE OF KIDS PLAYING HOOKEY...
I ... I'M SORRY, ROSE! I'M A HEEL!
A WONDERFUL HEEL, TED!
WE DIDN'T TALK MUCH -- BUT IT SEEMED SO RIGHT TO BE TOGETHER! I DIDN'T MIND IT WHEN THE AIR GOT ROUGH ...
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU, ROSE, BUT YOU KNOW HOW THINGS ARE.
SHH, TED! DON'T SPOIL IT!
WE'RE LANDING NOW, MISS VINSON! I HOPE YOU AND MR. ROSTELL ENJOY THE WEEK-END!
WE ARE NOT TOGETHER -- WE JUST LOOK AS THOUGH WE SHOULD BE!

TED WAS THOUGHTFUL! HE DIDN'T WAIT FOR THE LIMOUSINE PROVIDED BY THE AIRLINE! HE HAILED A CAB AND...
WE SHOULD STAY WITH THE CROWD, ROSE! THE GOSSIPS WOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY IF THEY COULD SEE US NOW!
YEP! LET 'EM RAVE, I SAY!
TAXI

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IT WAS LATE AND I WENT STRAIGHT UP TO MY ROOM! I WAS HAPPIER THAN I'D EVER BEEN BEFORE...
I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD BE THIS HAPPY! WE STILL HAVE ALL DAY TOMORROW AND TOMORROW NIGHT!
I WAS UP AND ALMOST READY WHEN A BELLBOY ARRIVED WITH COFFEE AND A LOVELY CORSAGE...
THE GENTLEMAN SAID TO TAKE YOUR TIME AND LOOK BEAUTIFUL! HE'S WAITING IN THE LOBBY!
I'D NEVER KEEP SUCH A NICE MAN WAITING! I'LL BE DOWN IN A JIFFY!
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG!
YOU WERE FAST BUT IT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY! LET'S EAT -- I'M STARVED!
AFTER A WONDERFUL MEAL...
WHAT WILL IT BE? SIGHT-SEEING OR A WALK IN THE PARK?
I'LL TAKE THE PARK! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
SEE WHY I PICKED THE PARK?
HMM, I GET THE IDEA!

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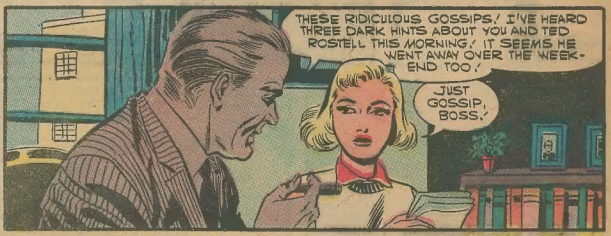
THE HOURS FLEW BY! I WORE MY NEW DRESS TO THE PLAY AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT ON ON-STAGE...

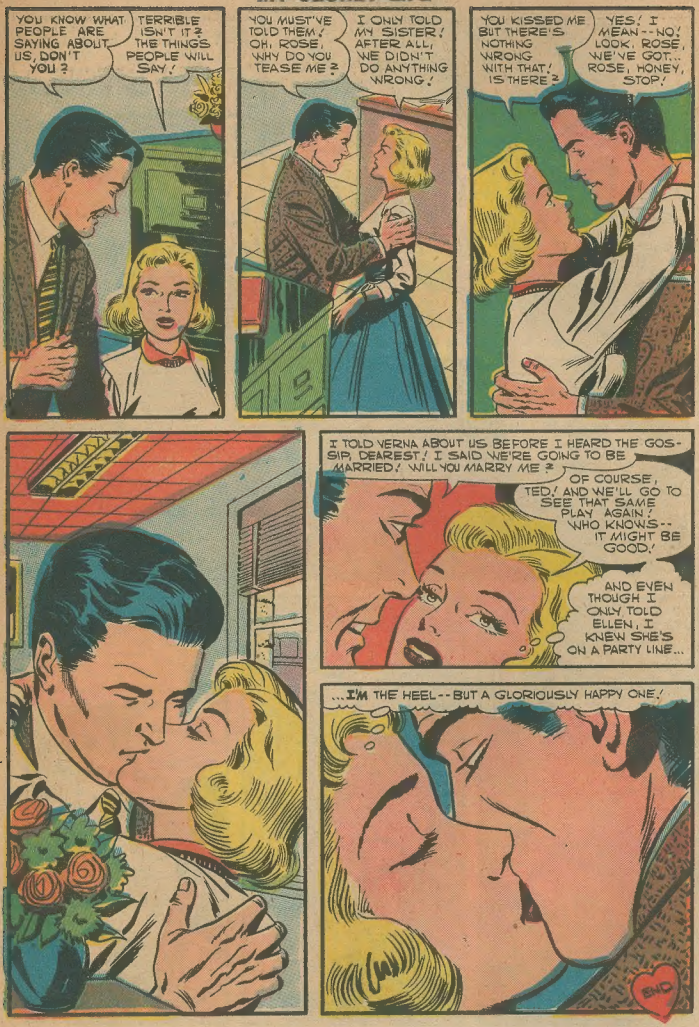
THEN, IT WAS TIME TO GO HOME! THE TRIP BACK WAS SAD AND TED DIDN'T PROLONG THE GOOD-BYES...

NO ONE HAD SEEN US TOGETHER-- YET THE RUMOR-MONGERS WERE BUSY MONDAY MORNING!


THESE RIDICULOUS GOSSIPS! I'VE HEARD THREE DARK HINTS ABOUT YOU AND TED ROSTELL THIS MORNING; IT SEEMS HE WENT AWAY OVER THE WEEK-END TOO!
JUST GOSSIP, BOSS.

I WAS TAKING A LONG CHANCE, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT...
HI, SIS,! HAD A FINE WEEK-END! TED IS A DEAR! HE'S SUCH A GENTLEMAN
ROSE, PIPE DOWN! TELL ME ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME!

IT TOOK ALMOST AN HOUR FOR THINGS TO POP! MOTHER CALLED ME FIRST, THEN I SAW TED COMING IN THE DOOR...
...SUCH MALICIOUS WOMEN! DON'T LAUGH, ROSE! I TELL YOU IT'S...
TELL ME LATER, MOM! I'VE GOT COMPANY!


YOU KNOW WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT US, DON'T YOU?
TERRIBLE ISN'T IT? THE THINGS PEOPLE WILL SAY!
YOU MUST'VE TOLD THEM! OH, ROSE, WHY DO YOU TEASE ME?
I ONLY TOLD MY SISTER! AFTER ALL, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
YOU KISSED ME BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT! IS THERE?
YES! I MEAN--NO! LOOK, ROSE, WE'VE GOT... ROSE, HONEY, STOP!
I TOLD VERNA ABOUT US BEFORE I HEARD THE GOSSIP, DEAREST! I SAID WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED! WILL YOU MARRY ME?
OF COURSE, TED! AND WE'LL GO TO SEE THAT SAME PLAY AGAIN! WHO KNOWS--IT MIGHT BE GOOD!
AND EVEN THOUGH I ONLY TOLD ELLEN I KNEW SHE'S ON A PARTY LINE...
...I'M THE HEEL--BUT A GLORIOUSLY HAPPY ONE!
END

THE Wrong Man

LOOKING AT HIM, I COULDN'T BLAME MOM FOR TELLING ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM! OUR PLANS, MOM'S AND MINE, DIDN'T INCLUDE TALL, HANDSOME COLLEGE BOYS WHO HADN'T DENTED THE BUSINESS WORLD YET! YES, HANK WAS WRONG, ALL WRONG -- BUT I LOVED HIM -- AND I'D HAVE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITHOUT HIM...

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE CITY, LILA! TELL YOUR LITTLE PLAYMATE THAT THE GAME IS OVER! REMEMBER OUR PLANS, DEAR!
MRS. BARON, YOU HAVE THE WRONG IDEA OF ME! WAIT, LILA! LET ME EXPLAIN!
OH, WHAT'S THE USE? MOM IS RIGHT -- SHE'S ALWAYS RIGHT!

I WASN'T BEING SARCASTIC...MOM *HAD* TO BE ALWAYS RIGHT! YOU SEE, DAD DIED WHEN I WAS A KID, MY MOTHER DIDN'T HAVE A DIME...

HE'S GONE, LILA. BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU! I'LL GET THE BEST FOR YOU. JUST TRUST ME AND DO AS I SAY! SWEAR IT, LILA!
ALL RIGHT, MOM! I'LL DO JUST AS YOU SAY!

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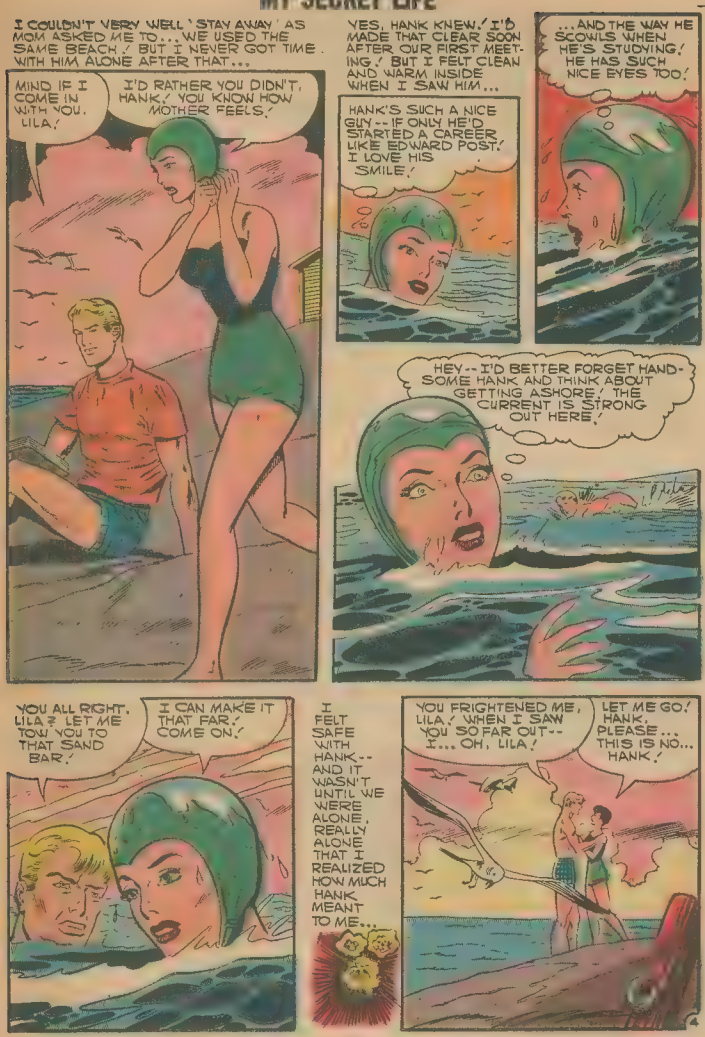
WE STARTED FROM SCRATCH! MOM HAD ALWAYS DESIGNED AND MADE HER OWN CLOTHES, SO SHE WENT TO WORK IN A DRESS SHOP...
I DON'T KNOW, IT JUST DOESN'T LOOK...NOW IT DOES, MRS. BARON!
IF WE NIPPED IN THE WAIST AND TOOK OFF THE BELT, IT WOULD HELP!
THE WEALTHIER WOMEN IN TOWN BEGAN DROPPING IN TO SEE MOM, SHE BIDED HER TIME, LET THE OWNER OF THE SHOP MAKE THE FIRST MOVE...
THE DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL ON YOU, MRS. PRICE! GOOD-BYE!
ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER, MRS. BARON! BUSINESS HAS BOOMED SINCE YOU CAME TO WORK HERE!
I WANT YOU TO TAKE OVER HERE -- PAY ME AS YOU GO ALONG. IN A FEW YEARS THE SHOP WILL BE YOURS. THAT'S BETTER THAN HAVING YOU OPEN YOUR OWN SHOP AS I KNOW YOU'RE PLANNING TO.
THAT'S WONDERFUL, MR. ALTON! IT'S A DEAL!
MEANWHILE, MOM SAW THAT I HAD EVERYTHING... DANCING LESSONS, A GOOD SCHOOL, AN APARTMENT IN THE BEST SECTION OF THE CITY...
HOW WAS YOUR PROM, DEAR? DID WILLIAM DANCE AT ALL?
TWO DANCES, BUT I DANCED WITH OTHER BOYS. IT'S ALMOST TWELVE, MOM. LET THAT GO TILL TOMORROW!
NO, LILA, I CAN'T LET ANYTHING GO TILL TOMORROW. I HAVE PLANS FOR YOU, BIG PLANS -- AND THEY COST MONEY.
OH, MOM. I OWE YOU SO MUCH. HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU?
I KNEW HOW I'D REPAY -- BY NOT DEVIATING A FRACTION FROM WHAT MOM WANTED ME TO BE...
DON'T BE A SNOB, LILA. COME ON FOR A RIDE.
I'M SORRY -- MY MOTHER WOULDN'T WANT ME TO.

THEN, COLLEGE WAS OVER AND I WAS MODELING FOR MOTHER IN HER EXCLUSIVE SHOP. MOTHER WAS VERY PROUD OF ME...
EXQUISITE, MRS. BARON--AND I DO NOT MEAN THE GOWN.! SHE MUST MEET MY SON.! PERHAPS YOU'LL BOTH BE MY GUESTS AT DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT?
OF COURSE, MRS. POST! I'M SURE LILA WILL BE DELIGHTED.!
I WAS DELIGHTED--GLAD FOR MOTHER'S SAKE.! EDWARD L. POST WAS NICE TOO...
ALL I'VE HEARD THIS WEEK IS LILA THIS AND LILA THAT.! THEY THINK THEY'VE GOT EVERYTHING SETTLED.!
THEY MEAN WELL, EDWARD.! LET'S GO INSIDE, SHALL WE?
THERE WAS TENNIS AFTER THAT... THEN IT WAS SUMMER AND TIME TO GO TO THE COTTAGE MOM HAD BOUGHT TWO YEARS EARLIER.! A GOOD BEACH, OF COURSE...
HI. LOOKS LIKE YOU AND I HAVE THE BEACH TO OURSELVES.! I'M HANK KRAMER.!
I'M LILA BARON.! ARE YOU STAYING AT THE CLUB?
YEP. BUT I SLEEP OVER THE KITCHEN.! I PLAY DRUMS IN THE BAND.!
HOW EXCITING! ARE YOU ANY GOOD?
NOT VERY--BUT IT DOES NOT TAKE TOO MUCH OF MY TIME AND... WHO'S SHE?
MY MOM.! EXCUSE ME, HANK.!
DON'T WASTE ANY TIME ON HIM, LILA.! HE'S ONLY A PLAYBOY MUSICIAN.!
I KNOW, MOM. BUT HE'S NICE--AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO TALK TO.!


I COULDN'T VERY WELL 'STAY AWAY' AS MOM ASKED ME TO... WE USED THE SAME BEACH / BUT I NEVER GOT TIME WITH HIM ALONE AFTER THAT...
MIND IF I COME IN WITH YOU, LILA?
I'D RATHER YOU DIDN'T, HANK. / YOU KNOW HOW MOTHER FEELS.
YES, HANK KNEW. / I'D MADE THAT CLEAR SOON AFTER OUR FIRST MEETING. / BUT I FELT CLEAN AND WARM INSIDE WHEN I SAW HIM...
HANK'S SUCH A NICE GUY -- IF ONLY HE'D STARTED A CAREER LIKE EDWARD POST. / I LOVE HIS SMILE.
...AND THE WAY HE SCOWLS WHEN HE'S STUDYING. / HE HAS SUCH NICE EYES TOO.
HEY -- I'D BETTER FORGET HANDSOME HANK AND THINK ABOUT GETTING ASHORE. / THE CURRENT IS STRONG OUT HERE.
YOU ALL RIGHT, LILA? / LET ME TOW YOU TO THAT SAND BAR.
I CAN MAKE IT THAT FAR. / COME ON.
I FELT SAFE WITH HANK -- AND IT WASN'T UNTIL WE WERE ALONE, REALLY ALONE THAT I REALIZED HOW MUCH HANK MEANT TO ME...
YOU FRIGHTENED ME, LILA. / WHEN I SAW YOU SO FAR OUT -- I... OH, LILA!
LET ME GO. / HANK, PLEASE... / THIS IS NO... / HANK.

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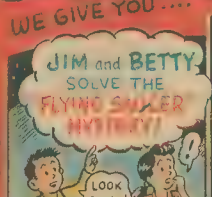

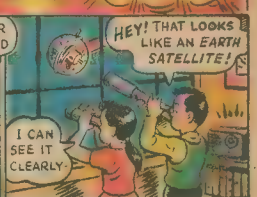

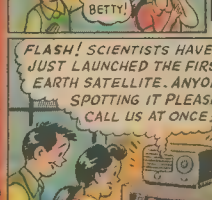

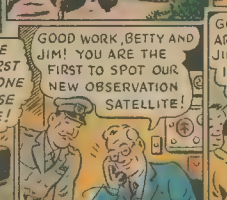

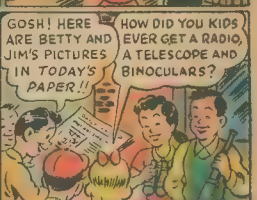

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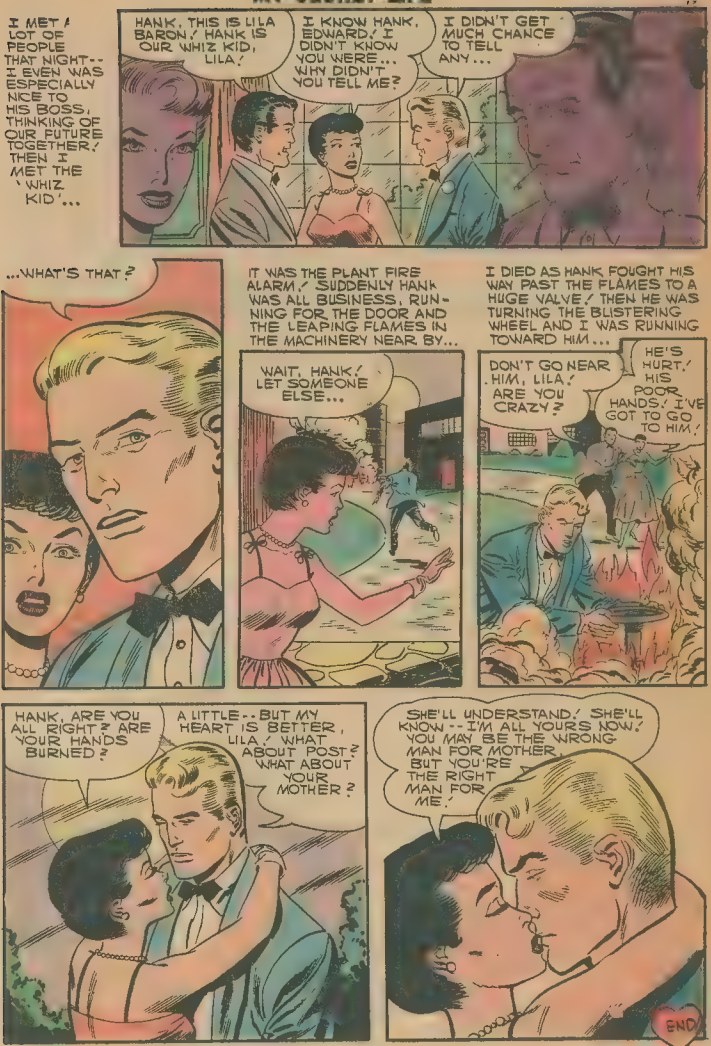
LET ME GO, HANK. MOTHER IS WATCHING US. I'VE GOT TO GO IN.
WE'LL BOTH GO IN. SHE WON'T COME BETWEEN US THIS TIME.
GO TO THE HOUSE AND START PACKING, LILA. WE'RE GOING TO THE CITY.
ALL RIGHT, MOM. SORRY, HANK.
WHY DO YOU OBJECT TO ME, MRS. BARON? I LOVE LILA--I WANT TO MARRY HER.
YOU'RE A DANCE BAND DRUMMER, HANK. I WANT MORE THAN THAT FOR LILA. START PACKING, LILA.
I WANTED TO REBEL... THEN I REMEMBERED ALL SHE'D DONE FOR ME. WE PACKED AND LEFT THAT DAY. EDWARD POST WAS WAITING WHEN WE GOT HOME! MONTHS PASSED AS I TRIED TO FORGET HANK'S ARMS, HIS TENDER SMILE...
WHAT'S THE OCCASION FOR THE COMPANY DINNER, EDWARD?
IT'S IN HONOR OF OUR NEWEST WHIZ KID--A CHEMIST THEY'VE MADE HEAD OF OUR RESEARCH DIVISION. BRILLIANT GUY--NEVER KNOW IT JUST TO LOOK AT HIM. THOUGH.


I MET A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NIGHT-- I EVEN WAS ESPECIALLY NICE TO HIS BOSS, THINKING OF OUR FUTURE TOGETHER. THEN I MET THE 'WHIZ KID'...
HANK, THIS IS LILA BARON. HANK IS OUR WHIZ KID, LILA.
I KNOW HANK, EDWARD. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE... WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
I DIDN'T GET MUCH CHANCE TO TELL ANY...
...WHAT'S THAT?
IT WAS THE PLANT FIRE ALARM. SUDDENLY HANK WAS ALL BUSINESS, RUNNING FOR THE DOOR AND THE LEAPING FLAMES IN THE MACHINERY NEAR BY...
WAIT, HANK. LET SOMEONE ELSE...
I DIED AS HANK FOUGHT HIS WAY PAST THE FLAMES TO A HUGE VALVE. THEN HE WAS TURNING THE BLISTERING WHEEL AND I WAS RUNNING TOWARD HIM...
DON'T GO NEAR HIM, LILA. ARE YOU CRAZY?
HE'S HURT. HIS POOR HANDS. I'VE GOT TO GO TO HIM.
HANK, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOUR HANDS BURNED?
A LITTLE-- BUT MY HEART IS BETTER, LILA. WHAT ABOUT POST? WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?
SHE'LL UNDERSTAND. SHE'LL KNOW-- I'M ALL YOURS NOW. YOU MAY BE THE WRONG MAN FOR MOTHER BUT YOU'RE THE RIGHT MAN FOR ME.
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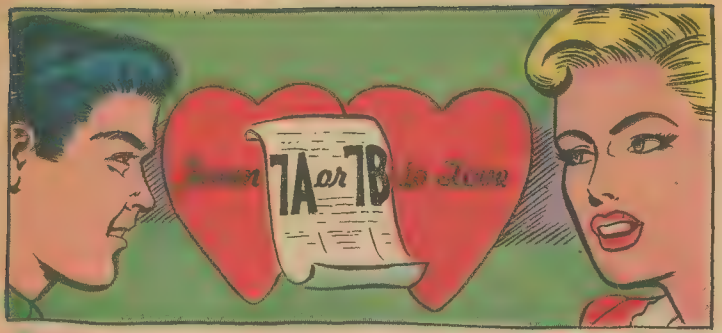


Winston City was proud of its new municipal building. Henry Doneson, the famous architect, had designed it. Built of steel and glass bricks it certainly was a most impressive edifice. And Mayor Herbert Spector, of Winston City, said on the day that the building was officially dedicated:

"All the people of our town can always look into the building and see us working for their interests. We, in turn, can always look out and see the happy and contented citizens of our municipality."

Helen Dunn was a clerk in the permit division of Winston City. Was she happy and contented? She had a good job, an excellent education, and was in top physical condition, but she was disturbed. It was something that her chum, Ethel Shay had said.

"Sure, Winston City has a fine municipal building and a swell golf course. But where are the eligible men? Tell me just where are they? Without any trouble a girl could become an old maid here. If I can't find my man here in a year's time, then I will resign my job, and head for the big city. How about you, Helen?"

Helen hadn't any ready answer at the tip of her tongue. She lived in the cottage with Aunt Jenny. Dear old Aunt Jenny, who was a real old maid. A little shudder went down Helen's spine. Somewhere she had once read that for every girl in this world, there was a suitable young man. Well, where was her young man?

All offices in the municipal building closed at four. Helen liked her civil service job. The hours weren't too long. On that Tuesday afternoon she glanced at the big electric clock on the wall. It was five minutes to four. She started to brush up her desk and remove all papers. When she lifted her eyes in front of her there was a large human object. It was dressed in a pair of coveralls. The man's face was half hidden with dirt and grease. He extended his right hand which was covered with something that looked like carbon.

"Just made it," he gasped. "I need a permit form. Think It is either 7a or 7b. Want permission of the city council to enlarge my garage. Have to build a driveway through Madison Avenue."

It was now four o'clock. Arthur Shinder, chief clerk, walked up to the man.

"Sorry, we close now. Come back tomorrow."

"But I'm here now," protested the man. "What's the matter with you people? Is that girl too busy to take care of me? Has she a date that is causing her to ignore me?"

"I'm not ignoring you," interrupted Helen. "I see you and know you are here. Mr. Shinder is my superior. What he says, I do."

"And I say you come back tomorrow," repeated Mr. Shinder. Then for no reason whatsoever, as many of us often do, he added something that had no connection with the situation whatsoever.

"And when you return, please come here properly attired."

The young man angered. He was about to explode but he controlled himself. A slight smile appeared around his lips as though an idea had just hit him.

"I'll be back tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. You can expect me. Believe me, I'll be dressed properly."

Then he turned around and walked quickly out of the room. Mr. Shinder passed a remark.

"We do get all kinds of people here, Miss Dunn. Don't let it bother you."

But it did. She had a golf appointment with Ethel Shay at the municipal golf course. Her game was all off.

"Eighteen above par," teased Ethel. "Either you need more practice or there is a young man on the horizon."

"Neither," explained Helen. "Just an unpleasant incident that took place before I left my office today."

The girls had supper together and then Helen went back home. Aunt Jenny had a big smile on

her face as she was removing supper dishes.

"Secret or can you tell me?" asked Helen.

"I'm going to get married next month," was the unexpected answer. "And to your present boss, Arthur Shinder."

"No wonder he is so nice to me," thought Helen to herself. "My future uncle worrying about his future niece."

She kissed her aunt after congratulating her on the wonderful happening. The rest of the evening passed uneventfully. The next morning Helen was back behind her desk. Somehow she kept looking at the big clock on the wall. Finally it was ten and at that moment something did happen!

A big band with all loud instruments stopped in front of the municipal building. One of those big imported cars pulled up to the curb. A driver in a uniform came from behind the wheel. He opened the door of the sedan. A young man in top hat and Prince Albert coat alighted. Mr. Shinder also saw the event. He hurried into the mayor's private office.

"Hurry," he shouted. "We got some kind of an important visitor. You should see the ten thousand dollar car bringing him here, and also a band. Maybe he's a movie star."

The handsome young man stopped in front of Helen's desk. The mayor rushed up to him.

"On behalf of Winston City I welcome you."

The mayor took a closer look and recognized his visitor.

"What does my favorite nephew want? I thought you were in Paris?"

"All I want is a permit form. Either 7a or 7b. The chief clerk didn't like the way I was dressed yesterday. I bought Bill Simpson's garage and want to enlarge it."

It didn't make sense to either Helen or the chief clerk. They watched the mayor take care of his nephew personally. Then the young man eyed the girl carefully.

"How about introducing me to that rather pretty girl on the other side of the desk?"

"Miss Helen Dunn meet my favorite nephew, Tom Persillon."

Then the mayor took the arm of his chief clerk and marched him out of the office. Helen finally spoke.

"I don't know what to say."

"Say you will have lunch with me and all will be forgiven."

So that was how Helen found herself seated next to Tom in the big car. The band was sent home. The car took them to the Lorraine Country Club. They had a table on the terrace.

"Would you mind explaining to me what it is all about," she asked.

"If you let me date you the rest of the week, next week, and so on," replied the young man.

She started to say no but to her surprise a three lettered word meaning the affirmative was spoken.

"It does make sense," explained Tom. "When I was twenty-one a favorite aunt of mine died and left me a million. In two years I spent it. I did have a good time. When my mother died she took no chances. I am now twenty-six. For every dollar I earn in manual labor I get two dollars. When I am forty, I'll inherit about sixteen million dollars. So I bought a garage. Make about one hundred and fifty a week. Add three hundred from the estate."

Helen returned to the office and found she was unable to work. Mr. Shinder apparently had a talk with the mayor and made a sensible suggestion.

"You have two weeks of summer vacation due. Take it now and enjoy yourself. Let the summer worry for itself."

For the next two weeks, Helen saw Tom every day. But they didn't go out during the week days. Instead she found herself in the garage helping him with the books. On the week ends they played tennis and golf. The last day of her vacation she sighed.

"Now back to the municipal building again."

"Want to help me forever with the books here?" asked Tom.

"As your bookkeeper?" she teased.

"As my wife," he replied.

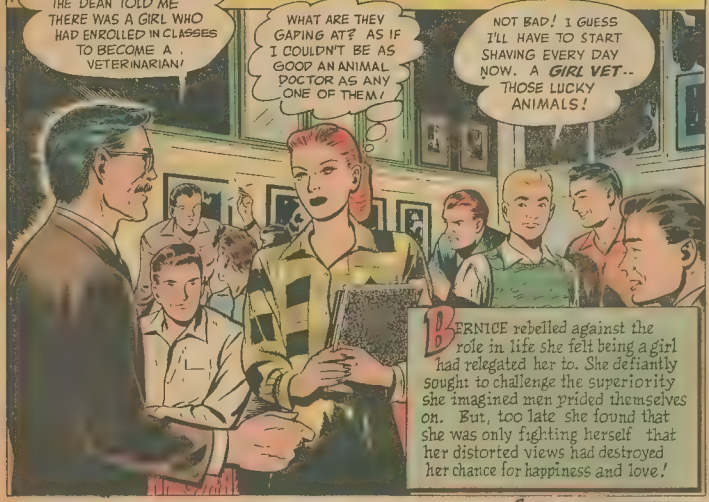
She was in his arms. It made no difference that there was something like carbon on his hands. Nor that there was grease on his face as he kissed her. For that is the way of love.

The mayor was in his office when the chief clerk came in with an idea.

"You can make out two marriage licenses. It was really your nephew's suggestion we get married together. Of course you will have to get another clerk. Let's figure this out. What will I be to your nephew? What will you be to Helen?"

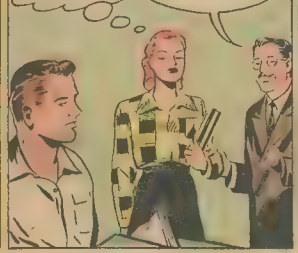
— The End —

My Last Chance for LOVE


GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US, MISS LAWSON. THE DEAN TOLD ME THERE WAS A GIRL WHO HAD ENROLLED IN CLASSES TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN!
WHAT ARE THEY GAPING AT? AS IF I COULDN'T BE AS GOOD AN ANIMAL DOCTOR AS ANY ONE OF THEM!
NOT BAD! I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO START SHAVING EVERY DAY NOW. A GIRL VET-- THOSE LUCKY ANIMALS!

BERNICE rebelled against the role in life she felt being a girl had relegated her to. She defiantly sought to challenge the superiority she imagined men prided themselves on. But, too late she found that she was only fighting herself that her distorted views had destroyed her chance for happiness and love!

I INTERPRETED THE EXCITED BABBLE OF VOICES I HEARD AROUND ME SINCE MY ENTRY INTO CLASS, AS THE DERISION WHICH MEN RESERVED FOR WOMEN WHO TRESPASSED ON THEIR PRIVATE DOMAIN!



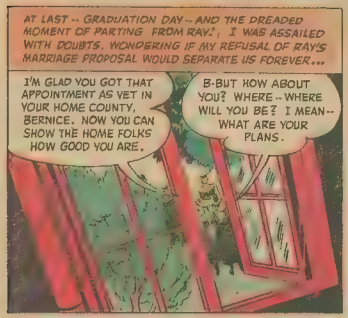
THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT RAY'S FRIENDLY SMILE THAT MADE MY HEART LEAP! BUT I QUICKLY THRUST SUCH THOUGHTS ASIDE. FROM NOW ON, I WAS DEDICATED TO THE ONE THOUGHT THAT I COULD COMPETE WITH ANY MAN...

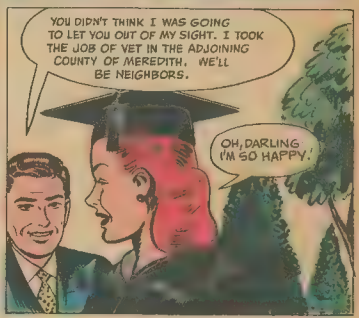
AS THE TERM PROGRESSED.

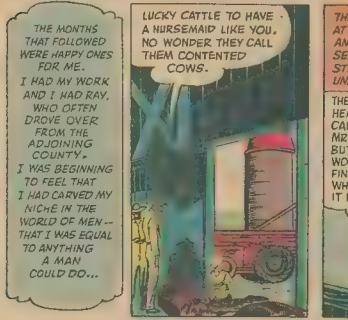
YOU SEEM SO DETERMINED TO MAKE GOOD, BERNICE -- THAT I'M TAKING ALL BETS NOW THAT YOU'LL BE THE BEST VET IN THE STATE.
THANKS RAY. NICE OF YOU TO THINK SO, ANYWAY -- EVEN IF THE OTHERS DON'T!

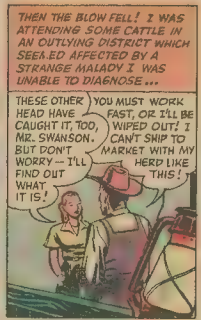
MY SECRET LIFE

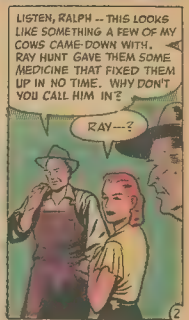
BERNICE – WHY DON'T YOU BREAK DOWN AND ACCEPT ONE OF MY DATES? COME ON – ! YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING SO HARD, YOU'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD WAITING FOR US. WE'LL HIRE SOME BIKES AND TAKE AN ALL DAY TRIP SATURDAY – !
WELL-L-L...
. . . I LIVED FOR OUR DATES TOGETHER – PRECIOUS MOMENTS I TREASURED AND RE LIVED WHEN NOT WITH RAY. EACH SUCCEEDING SEMESTER SERVED TO STRENGTHEN MY DETERMINATION TO WIN A PLACE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH MEN – AND EACH TERM MY HEART ALSO KEPT REMINDING ME HOW MUCH RAY MEANT TO ME . . .


AT LAST – GRADUATION DAY – AND THE DREADED MOMENT OF PARTING FROM RAY. I WAS ASSAILED WITH DOUBTS. WONDERING IF MY REFUSAL OF RAY'S MARRIAGE PROPOSAL WOULD SEPARATE US FOREVER...
I'M GLAD YOU GOT THAT APPOINTMENT AS VET IN YOUR HOME COUNTY, BERNICE. NOW YOU CAN SHOW THE HOME FOLKS HOW GOOD YOU ARE.
B-BUT HOW ABOUT YOU? WHERE – WHERE WILL YOU BE? I MEAN – WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS.


YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT. I TOOK THE JOB OF VET IN THE ADJOINING COUNTY OF MEREDITH. WE'LL BE NEIGHBORS.
OH, DARLING I'M SO HAPPY.


THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED WERE HAPPY ONES FOR ME.
I HAD MY WORK AND I HAD RAY, WHO OFTEN DROVE OVER FROM THE ADJOINING COUNTY.
I WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT I HAD CARVED MY NICHE IN THE WORLD OF MEN – THAT I WAS EQUAL TO ANYTHING A MAN COULD DO...
LUCKY CATTLE TO HAVE A NURSEMAID LIKE YOU. NO WONDER THEY CALL THEM CONTENTED COWS.


THEN THE BLOW FELL! I WAS ATTENDING SOME CATTLE IN AN OUTLYING DISTRICT WHICH SEEMED AFFECTED BY A STRANGE MALADY I WAS UNABLE TO DIAGNOSE...
THESE OTHER HEAD HAVE CAUGHT IT, TOO, MR. SWANSON. BUT DON'T WORRY – I'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!
YOU MUST WORK FAST, OR I'LL BE WIPED OUT! I CAN'T SHIP TO MARKET WITH MY HERD LIKE THIS!


LISTEN, RALPH – THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING A FEW OF MY COWS CAME DOWN WITH. RAY HUNT GAVE THEM SOME MEDICINE THAT FIXED THEM UP IN NO TIME. WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM IN?
RAY – ?
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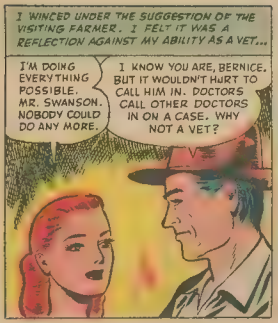
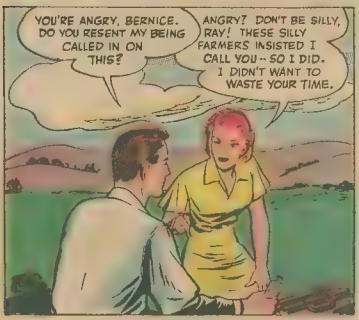
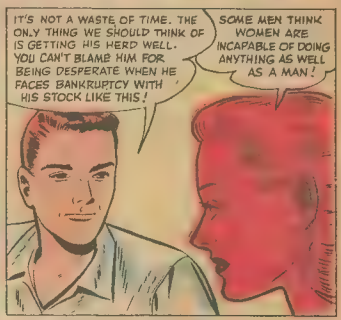
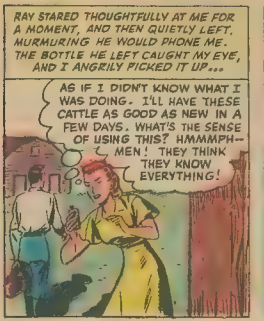

I WINCED UNDER THE SUGGESTION OF THE VISITING FARMER. I FELT IT WAS A REFLECTION AGAINST MY ABILITY AS A VET...
I'M DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE. MR. SWANSON. NOBODY COULD DO ANY MORE.
I KNOW YOU ARE, BERNICE, BUT IT WOULDN'T HURT TO CALL HIM IN. DOCTORS CALL OTHER DOCTORS IN ON A CASE. WHY NOT A VET?

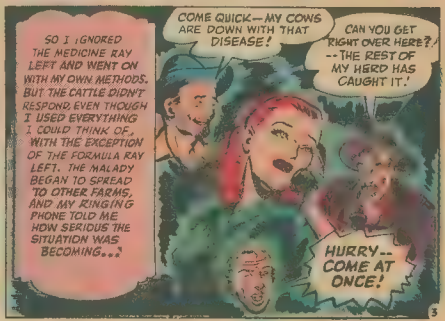
THEY WOULDN'T DARE SUGGEST IT IF I WAS A MAN!
ALL RIGHT -- I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, I RELUCTANTLY SENT FOR RAY...
YES, DEAR -- I'M SURE IT'S THE SAME THING I ENCOUNTERED IN THE STOCK OF THAT FARMER WHO MENTIONED IT. I GAVE THEM A SHOT OF THIS -- TRY IT -- IT'LL DO THE TRICK!
JUST PUT IT NEAR MY BAG!

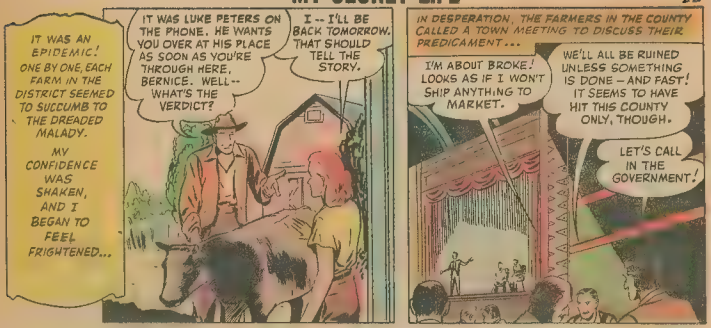

YOU'RE ANGRY, BERNICE. DO YOU RESENT MY BEING CALLED IN ON THIS?
ANGRY? DON'T BE SILLY, RAY! THESE SILLY FARMERS INSISTED I CALL YOU -- SO I DID. I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR TIME.

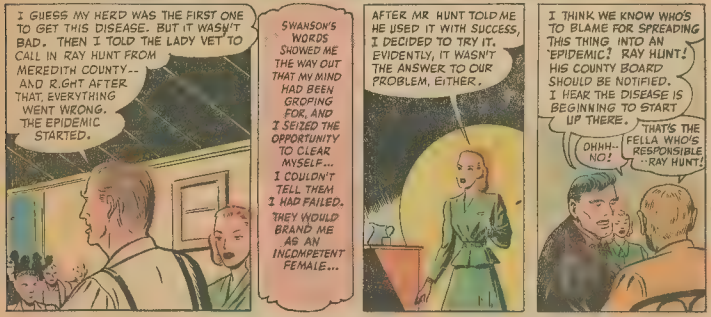

IT'S NOT A WASTE OF TIME. THE ONLY THING WE SHOULD THINK OF IS GETTING HIS HERD WELL. YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR BEING DESPERATE WHEN HE FACES BANKRUPTCY WITH HIS STOCK LIKE THIS!
SOME MEN THINK WOMEN ARE INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING AS WELL AS A MAN!

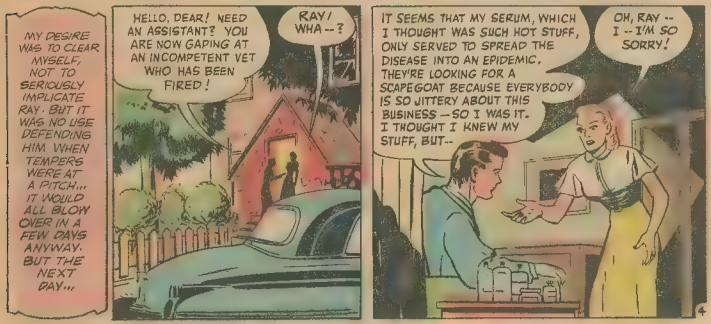

RAY STARED THOUGHTFULLY AT ME FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN QUIETLY LEFT, MURMURING HE WOULD PHONE ME. THE BOTTLE HE LEFT CAUGHT MY EYE, AND I ANGRILY PICKED IT UP...
AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING. I'LL HAVE THESE CATTLE AS GOOD AS NEW IN A FEW DAYS. WHAT'S THE SENSE OF USING THIS? HMMMPH -- MEN! THEY THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING!


SO I IGNORED THE MEDICINE RAY LEFT AND WENT ON WITH MY OWN METHODS, BUT THE CATTLE DIDN'T RESPOND, EVEN THOUGH I USED EVERYTHING I COULD THINK OF, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FORMULA RAY LEFT. THE MALADY BEGAN TO SPREAD TO OTHER FARMS, AND MY RINGING PHONE TOLD ME HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION WAS BECOMING...!
COME QUICK -- MY COWS ARE DOWN WITH THAT DISEASE!
CAN YOU GET RIGHT OVER HERE? -- THE REST OF MY HERD HAS CAUGHT IT!
HURRY -- COME AT ONCE!

MY SECRET LIFE


IT WAS AN EPIDEMIC! ONE BY ONE, EACH FARM IN THE DISTRICT SEEMED TO SUCCUMB TO THE DREADED MALADY.
MY CONFIDENCE WAS SHAKEN, AND I BEGAN TO FEEL FRIGHTENED...
IT WAS LUKE PETERS ON THE PHONE. HE WANTS YOU OVER AT HIS PLACE AS SOON AS YOU'RE THROUGH HERE, BERNICE. WELL-- WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
I -- I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW. THAT SHOULD TELL THE STORY.
IN DESPERATION, THE FARMERS IN THE COUNTY CALLED A TOWN MEETING TO DISCUSS THEIR PREDICAMENT...
I'M ABOUT BROKE! LOOKS AS IF I WON'T SHIP ANYTHING TO MARKET.
WE'LL ALL BE RUINED UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE -- AND FAST! IT SEEMS TO HAVE HIT THIS COUNTY ONLY, THOUGH.
LET'S CALL IN THE GOVERNMENT!


I GUESS MY HERD WAS THE FIRST ONE TO GET THIS DISEASE. BUT IT WASN'T BAD. THEN I TOLD THE LADY VET TO CALL IN RAY HUNT FROM MEREDITH COUNTY-- AND RIGHT AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING WENT WRONG. THE EPIDEMIC STARTED.
SWANSON'S WORDS SHOWED ME THE WAY OUT THAT MY MIND HAD BEEN GROPING FOR, AND I SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR MYSELF... I COULDN'T TELL THEM I HAD FAILED. THEY WOULD BRAND ME AS AN INCOMPETENT FEMALE...
AFTER MR HUNT TOLD ME HE USED IT WITH SUCCESS, I DECIDED TO TRY IT. EVIDENTLY, IT WASN'T THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM, EITHER.
I THINK WE KNOW WHO'S TO BLAME FOR SPREADING THIS THING INTO AN "EPIDEMIC"! RAY HUNT! HIS COUNTY BOARD SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. I HEAR THE DISEASE IS BEGINNING TO START UP THERE.
OHHH-- NO!
THAT'S THE FELLA WHO'S RESPONSIBLE -RAY HUNT!


MY DESIRE WAS TO CLEAR MYSELF, NOT TO SERIOUSLY IMPLICATE RAY. BUT IT WAS NO USE DEFENDING HIM WHEN TEMPERS WERE AT A PITCH... IT WOULD ALL BLOW OVER IN A FEW DAYS ANYWAY. BUT THE NEXT DAY...
HELLO, DEAR! NEED AN ASSISTANT? YOU ARE NOW GAPING AT AN INCOMPETENT VET WHO HAS BEEN FIRED!
RAY! WHA--?
IT SEEMS THAT MY SERUM, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS SUCH HOT STUFF, ONLY SERVED TO SPREAD THE DISEASE INTO AN EPIDEMIC. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A SCAPEGOAT BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS SO JITTERY ABOUT THIS BUSINESS -- SO I WAS IT. I THOUGHT I KNEW MY STUFF, BUT--
OH, RAY -- I -- I'M SO SORRY!

MY SECRET LIFE

I RESTLESSLY BEGAN TO PACE UP AND DOWN IN MY OFFICE, AND I HAD A PREMONITION OF DISASTER WHEN HIS EYES FELL ON THE SERUM HE HAD LEFT ME...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT DIDN'T WORK FOR YOU, BERNICE. I HAD SOME SUCCESS WITH IT. THIS IS IT, ISN'T IT? SAY--IT'S STILL FULL--AS IF IT WAS NEVER USED!

I--I KNOW! I DIDN'T USE IT, RAY!

B-BUT THEY'RE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS STUFF SPREAD THE DISEASE INTO AN EPIDEMIC. YOU MUST HAVE TOLD THEM THAT. AND YOU NEVER EVEN USED IT!

I--I THOUGHT I HAD THE RIGHT FORMULA--AND--AND I WAS ASHAMED TO TELL THEM THAT I FAILED.

YOU--YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'D THINK IF A WOMAN FAILED. I--I JUST COULDN'T TELL THEM!

NO--YOU COULDN'T--BECAUSE YOU THINK BEING A WOMAN SOMEHOW MAKES YOU INFERIOR. YOU WANTED TO BE A VET JUST TO OUTSHINE MEN IN THE SAME PROFESSION.

THINGS ARE PRETTY CLEAR NOW. INSTEAD OF BEING PROUD OF ACCEPTING THE ROLE OF A WIFE AND COMPANION, YOU LOOKED UPON IT AS ADMITTING DEFEAT. THOUSANDS OF WOMEN HAVE A CAREER AS WELL AS A HOME LIFE. BUT YOU FELT YOU'D BE COMPROMISING WITH THE WORLD OF MEN. YOU'D STAB EVEN ME IN THE BACK TO RETAIN YOUR IMAGINARY STATUS! GOODBYE!

NO--NO! (SOB) (SOB)

HIS SEARING WORDS HAD DESTROYED THE CLOAK OF DECEPTION I HAD BEEN WEARING.

THE TRUTH OF HIS REMARKS HAD MADE MY HEART CRINGE IN SHAME.

NOW I HAD LOST HIM--AND I WAS LEFT WITH THE DEBRIS OF A BEAUTIFUL DREAM THAT COULD HAVE BEEN MINE...

LATER THAT DAY, WHEN IT SEEMED THERE WERE NO MORE TEARS TO SHED, I RECEIVED A SURPRISE VISIT...

WE'RE FROM THE MEREDITH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BOARD, MISS LAWSON. WE NEED A NEW VET, AND WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE IT OVER. I'M SURE YOU CAN HANDLE BOTH COUNTIES!

YOU--WANT ME TO TAKE RAY HUNT'S JOB?

I GAPED AT THEM IN SURPRISE. THESE MEN HAD TURNED TO ME WITHOUT GIVING A THOUGHT AS TO WHETHER I WAS A MAN OR WOMAN.

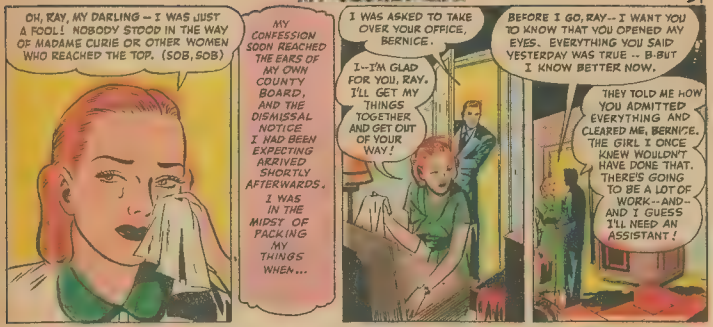
THE WHOLE SHAM OF MY ATTITUDE WAS BROUGHT HOME TO ME ONCE MORE. I BLURTED OUT THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND THEY STARED AT ME IN DISMAY...

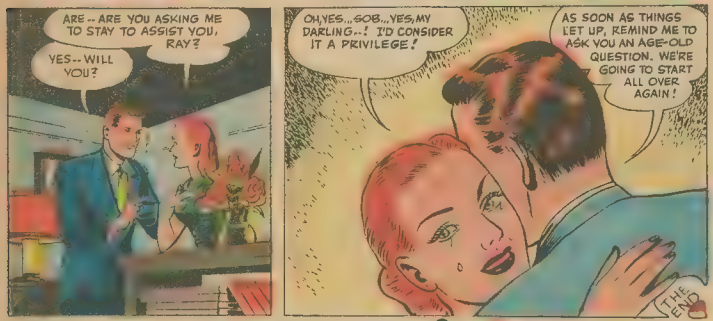
...DON'T YOU SEE... I NEVER USED THE SERUM HE BROUGHT ME. IF I HAD, THE EPIDEMIC WOULD HAVE BEEN CHECKED. IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

I GUESS WE OWE RAY HUNT AN APOLOGY.

LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE. I DON'T LIKE TO BE AROUND ANYONE WHO'D STOOP THAT LOW!

(SOB) (SOB)


OH, RAY, MY DARLING -- I WAS JUST A FOOL! NOBODY STOOD IN THE WAY OF MADAME CURIE OR OTHER WOMEN WHO REACHED THE TOP. (SOB, SOB)
MY CONFESSION SOON REACHED THE EARS OF MY OWN COUNTY BOARD, AND THE DISMISSAL NOTICE I HAD BEEN EXPECTING ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.
I WAS IN THE MIDST OF PACKING MY THINGS WHEN...
I WAS ASKED TO TAKE OVER YOUR OFFICE, BERNICE.
I--I'M GLAD FOR YOU, RAY. I'LL GET MY THINGS TOGETHER AND GET OUT OF YOUR WAY!
BEFORE I GO, RAY-- I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU OPENED MY EYES. EVERYTHING YOU SAID YESTERDAY WAS TRUE -- B-BUT I KNOW BETTER NOW.
THEY TOLD ME HOW YOU ADMITTED EVERYTHING AND CLEARED ME, BERNICE. THE GIRL I ONCE KNEW WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK--AND-- AND I GUESS I'LL NEED AN ASSISTANT!


ARE--ARE YOU ASKING ME TO STAY TO ASSIST YOU, RAY?
YES--WILL YOU?
OH,YES...SOB...YES,MY DARLING--! I'D CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE!
AS SOON AS THINGS LET UP, REMIND ME TO ASK YOU AN AGE-OLD QUESTION. WE'RE GOING TO START ALL OVER AGAIN!
THE END

HISTORICAL: WHO DID IT?

WHAT FAMOUS ENGLISH NOBLEMAN WHEN SEEING HIS QUEEN ABOUT TO STEP IN A MUD PUDDLE, QUICKLY SWEPT OFF HIS CLOAK AND COVERED THE MUD SO HIS QUEEN WOULDN'T GET HER SHOES DIRTY?

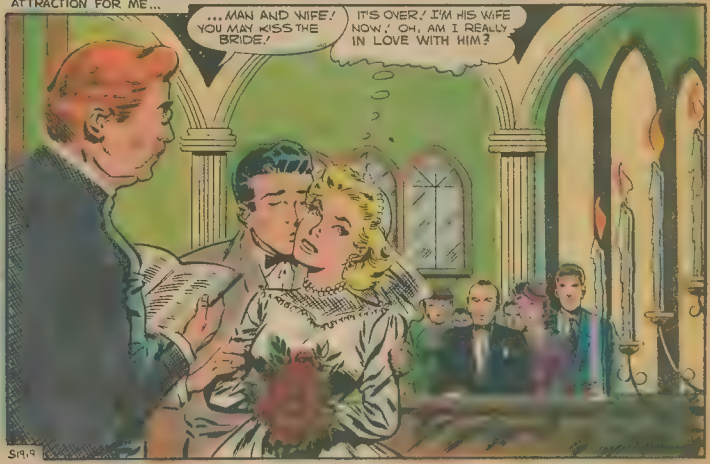
ANSWER:

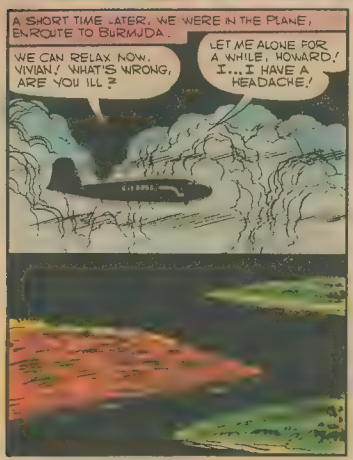
SIR WALTER RALEIGH

MY SECRET LIFE

No Love for Me!

HOWARD LASKER WAS PRACTICALLY A STRANGER TO ME WHEN I BECAME HIS BRIDE. MY FAMILY AND MY FRIENDS HAD URGED ME TO MARRY THE YOUNG TYCOON. IT MADE ME DOUBT MY LOVE AND HIS ATTRACTION FOR ME...




A SHORT TIME LATER, WE WERE IN THE PLANE, ENROUTE TO BURMUDA.
WE CAN RELAX NOW, VIVIAN! WHAT'S WRONG, ARE YOU ILL?
LET ME ALONE FOR A WHILE, HOWARD! I...I HAVE A HEADACHE!

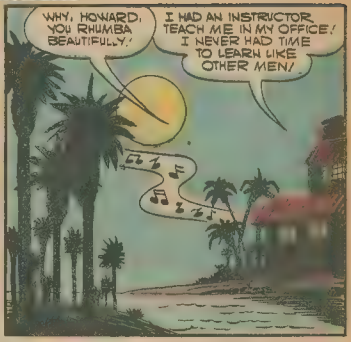
YOU TOLD ME YOU DOUBTED YOUR LOVE FOR ME, VIVIAN, BUT I MARRIED YOU ANYWAY! I'LL WAIT... SOME DAY, PERHAPS, YOU WILL LOVE ME! I'LL TRY NOT TO MAKE YOU UNHAPPY!

MY SECRET LIFE

IT WAS DUSK WHEN WE LANDED! THE QUIET, STRONG MAN AT MY SIDE WAS IMPERSONALLY KIND..
WE'LL GO SIGHTSEEING TOMORROW, VIVIAN! THERE'S SOME LOVELY OLD BUILDINGS!
IT IS BEAUTIFUL HERE, HOWARD!
IT'S OUR BEST SUITE, SIR! IF YOU WISH ANYTHING, JUST CALL!
THANK YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I EXPECTED! BUT THERE WAS NO AWKWARDNESS...
YOU'LL FIND YOUR THINGS IN YOUR DRESSING ROOM, VIVIAN! LET'S CHANGE AND HAVE DINNER!
LET'S! I'M STARVED AFTER THE PLANE RIDE!
WHAT DID I DO? HOWARD'S SUCH A NICE GUY. I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM!
I WAS AFRAID YOUR HEADACHE HAD RETURNED! YOU'RE LOVELY, VIVIAN!
YOU'RE NICE, HOWARD -- I WAS MISERABLE TO YOU ON THE PLANE!
I KISSED HIM FOR THE SECOND TIME IN MY LIFE THEN... A KISS OF GRATITUDE NOTHING MORE...

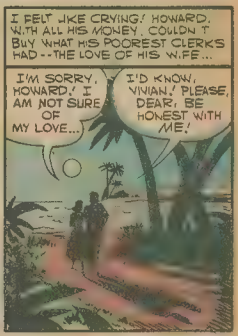
MY SECRET LIFE

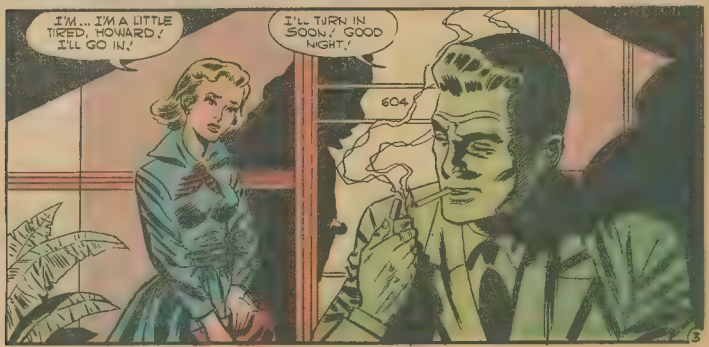
HOWARD HAD ALWAYS BEEN QUIET... BUT, SENSING MY MOOD, HE MADE LIGHT CONVERSATION! HE EVEN ASKED ME TO DANCE...

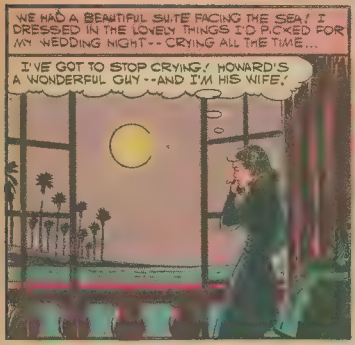


I NEVER HAD TIME TO COURT GIRLS LIKE OTHER MEN! I OWNED MY FIRST BUSINESS AT AN AGE WHEN OTHER FELLOWS WERE JUST GETTING A JOB!

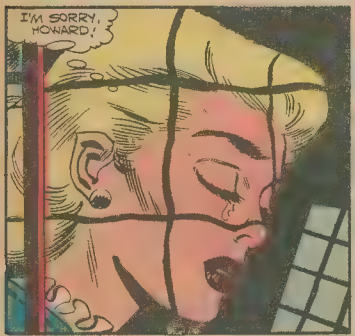
I HAVE TO LEARN TO RELAX, HAVE FUN! I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU RIGHT AWAY! BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO COURT YOU. I WAS TOO BUSY! EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T LOVE ME, I THINK I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE!

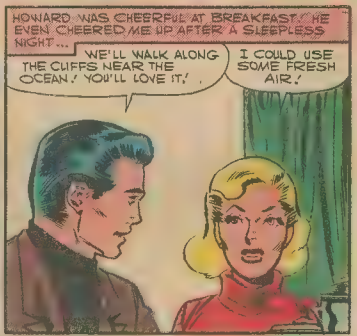

I FELT LIKE CRYING! HOWARD, WITH ALL HIS MONEY, COULDN'T BUY WHAT HIS POOREST CLERK'S HAD--THE LOVE OF HIS WIFE...
I'M SORRY, HOWARD! I AM NOT SURE OF MY LOVE...
I'D KNOW, VIVIAN! PLEASE, DEAR, BE HONEST WITH ME!

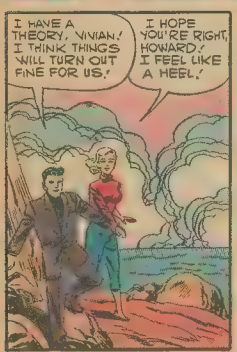


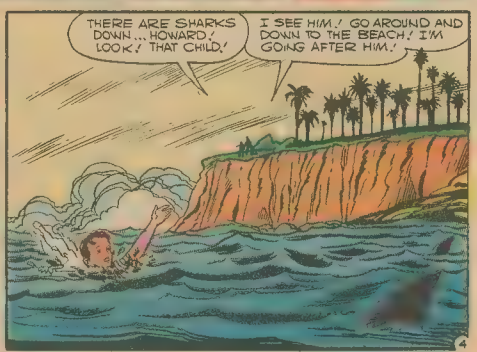

WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL SUITE FACING THE SEA! I DRESSED IN THE LOVELY THINGS I'D PICKED FOR MY WEDDING NIGHT--CRYING ALL THE TIME...
I'VE GOT TO STOP CRYING! HOWARD'S A WONDERFUL GUY--AND I'M HIS WIFE!

THE POOR GUY! IF ONLY I LOVED HIM!


I'M SORRY, HOWARD!


HOWARD WAS CHEERFUL AT BREAKFAST. HE EVEN CHEERED ME UP AFTER A SLEEPLESS NIGHT...
WE'LL WALK ALONG THE CLIFFS NEAR THE OCEAN! YOU'LL LOVE IT!
I COULD USE SOME FRESH AIR!


I HAVE A THEORY, VIVIAN! I THINK THINGS WILL TURN OUT FINE FOR US!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, HOWARD! I FEEL LIKE A HEEL!


THERE ARE SHARKS DOWN... HOWARD! LOOK! THAT CHILD!
I SEE HIM! GO AROUND AND DOWN TO THE BEACH! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!

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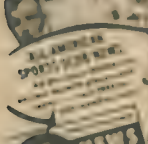

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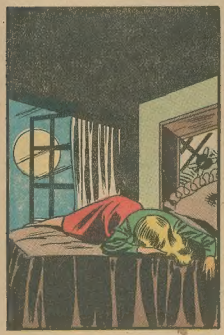
MY SECRET LIFE

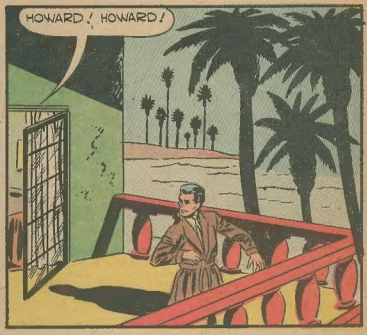
KICKING OFF HIS SHOES AND SHEDDING HIS JACKET, HOWARD STEPPED TO THE CLIFF'S EDGE, AND...
HOWARD, YOU'RE BLEEDING! IS THE CHILD HURT?
HE SWALLOWED SOME WATER, THAT'S ALL! HE'LL BE ALRIGHT.
HE SAW THAT THE CHILD WAS SAFE, THEN SANK TO THE SAND. FOR A MOMENT, I KNEW WHAT PANIC WAS...
WHAT'S WRONG, DARLING?
I'M A LITTLE DIZZY. TOOK A PRETTY HARD KNOCK ON THE HEAD.
IF THIS IS HOW A HERO IS REWARDED, I'LL TRY IT AGAIN!
YOU WERE WONDERFUL, DARLING.

SUDDENLY, I WAS SHY WHEN HE WAS CLOSE... I KEPT BUSY UNTIL THAT EVENING AFTER DINNER...

MY HEART WAS RACING WILDLY AS HE BENT LOWER... THEN HIS LIPS FOUND MINE! MY REACTION FRIGHTENED ME...
LET ME GO, HOWARD! PLEASE, DARLING...
I'M SORRY, VIVIAN! I'M A BLUNDERING FOOL!



AN HOUR... TWO HOURS PASSED! AND AT LAST I KNEW HOW MUCH I TRULY LOVED THE MAN I MARRIED...



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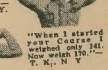

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